

Application No. 09/435,748

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6,387,531, entitled "Metal (Silicon) Oxide/Carbon Composite Particles," incorporated herein by reference. The incorporation of lithium from a lithium salt into metal oxide nanoparticles in a heat treatment process is described in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/311,506, now U.S. Patent 6,394,494 to Reitz et al., entitled "Metal Vanadium Oxide Particles," and in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/334,203 to Kumar et al., entitled "Reaction Method For Producing Ternary Particles," both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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At page 39, lines 19-26, please replace the paragraph with the following. This paragraph was previously amended in the Amendment filed on October 15, 2001.

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Similarly, silver vanadium oxide nanoparticles have been produced, as described in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications Serial Nos. 09/246,076, now U.S. Patent 6,225,007, and 09/311,506, now U.S. Patent 6,394,494, both entitled "Metal Vanadium Oxide Particles," both of which are incorporated herein by reference. For these materials surprisingly high specific capacities have been observed.

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At page 44, lines 24-31, please replace the paragraph with the following.

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In addition, nanoparticles of noble metals, including silver, have been produced by laser pyrolysis. The production of silver particles with average diameters less than about 100 nm is described in copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/311,506, now U.S. Patent 6,394,494 to Kumar et al., entitled "Metal Vanadium Oxide Particles," incorporated herein by reference.

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